

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 7, 2008 to February 1, 2008

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a Federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Navy at Naval Station Norfolk proposes to replace the log camel fendering system at Pier 7 at the confluence of the James and Elizabeth Rivers. A log camel structure consists of a large-diameter single log secured horizontally to two or more pilings with chains or u-bolts. The log then floats with the tide to provide a rubbing surface for ships when moored to the pier. At Pier 7, log camels would be installed in sequence along both sides of the pier and along the pier head to provide uniform protection for larger vessels. The log camels would be secured to new plastic pilings driven in the river bottom with a pile driver, possibly augmented by jetting when necessary. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination for the proposal which finds it consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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